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In re application of

RASHMI K. SHAH

Serial No. 09/168,770

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Sir:

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
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01 FC:1251 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-7 and 13-24. The rejection of each of these claims is herewith appealed.

Please charge the fee of \$320.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-1800, Shell Oil Company. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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